

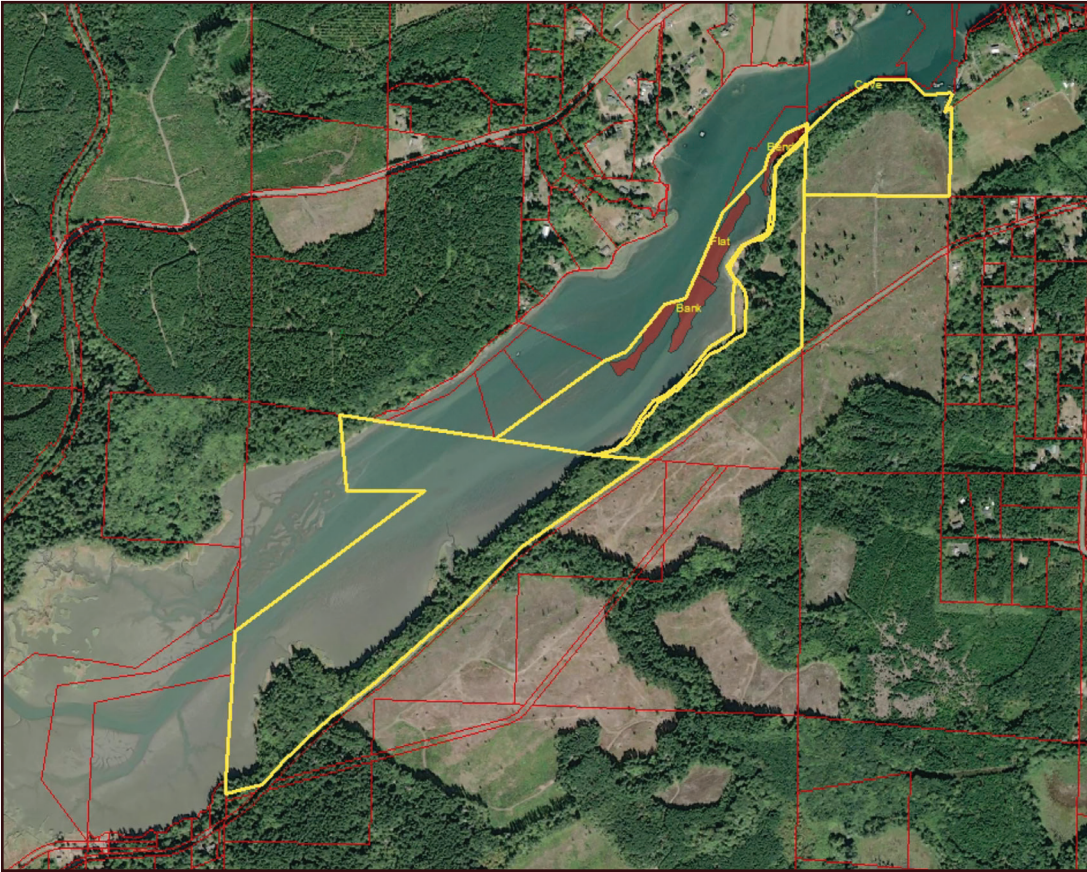
Tribe Makes Significant Land Acquisition Adjacent to Reservation

The Squaxin Island Tribe closed on a large land acquisition on July 23rd.

Approximately 100 acres of tidelands (shown in the map on the right) were gift from Port Blakey while 860 acres of up-lands (shown on the map on page 3) were purchased by the Tribe on a ten-year loan. As you can see, the land is contiguous to our existing reservation and goes all the way down to the water on Skookum Inlet.

Seven acres of tidelands are productive beaches for clams and oysters, but are currently under a lease with the Bishop family/Little Skookum Shellfish.

See the full land and tidelands map on page 3.



Congratulations
Patrick Braese,
Tribal Council
Secretary!



Elders Thank Summer Youth Workers

Kim Olson - Squaxin Island Elders want thank the Summer Youth workers for all their hard work. They cleaned up around our buildings and removed branches and pine needles that have been there for 20+ years. This was coordinated through the Office of Housing. They did an amazing job. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Have a great summer!



Elders Beading Class

When: 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. The first beading class will be on August 12th.

Where: The Elders building

Lettie Machado will be joining us to help with any instruction or advice needed. We will provide supplies but you are welcome to bring anything as well.

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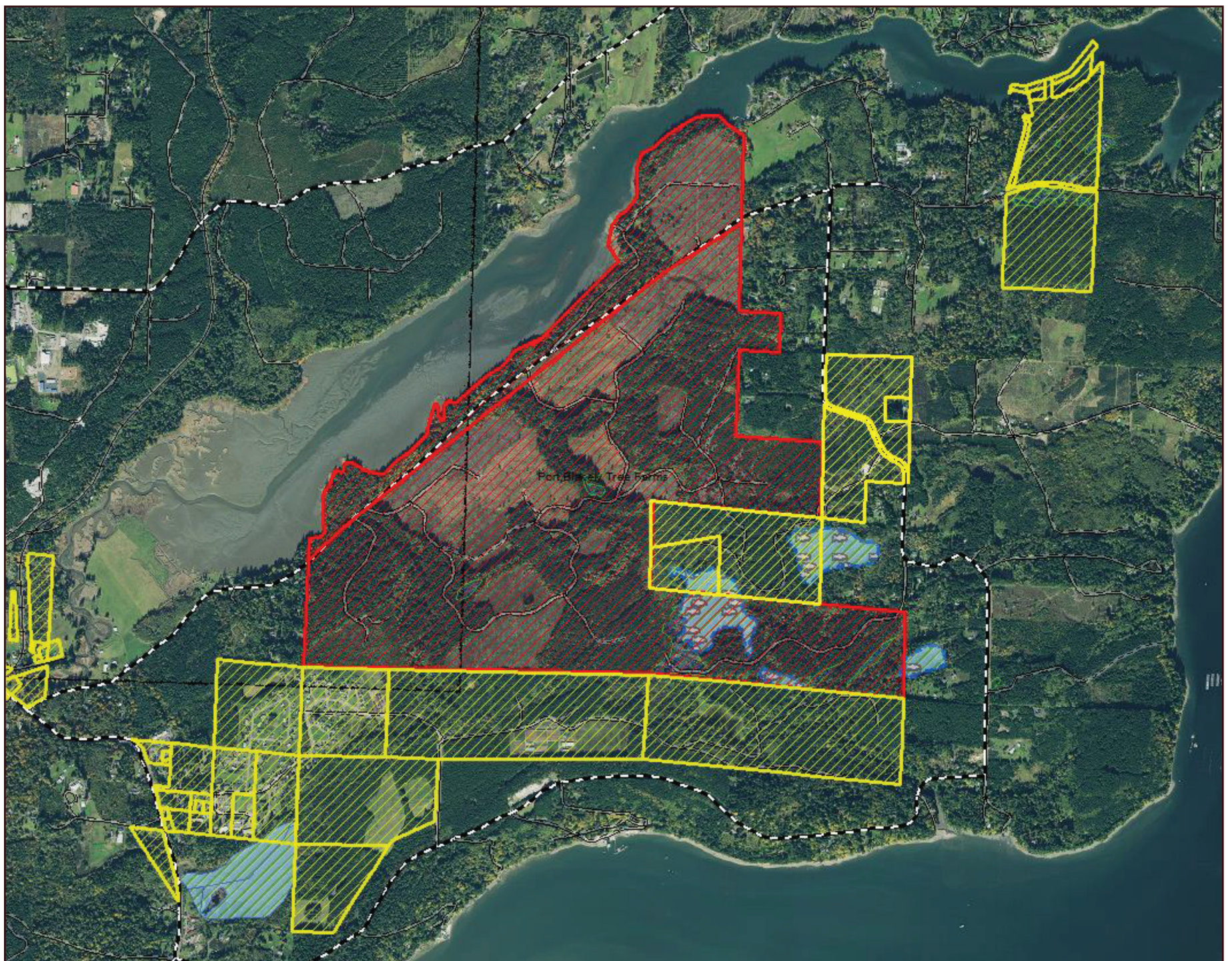


WOW!



Map of Port Blakely Land Acquisition

Red was Port Blakely property now owned by the Tribe. Yellow is property already owned by the Tribe





SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT



Brendan Bellon



Brendan Bellon is from the Capoeaman family and is working in Maintenance this summer. He graduated from Shelton High School in 2019.

"I look forward to working with you and, if I don't see you around, have a good summer," he said.

Sarah Brown



Sarah Brown, the daughter of Keena Coty and granddaughter of Buddy and Mabel Cooper, is working at Little Creek Casino Resort.

She will be a Senior at Shelton High School this fall.

"I appreciate the opportunity given to me by the Squaxin Island Tribe, and I look forward to working with you," she said.

Brandon Campbell



Brandon Campbell, the son of Marvin and Erin Campbell (Cooper family), is working in Grounds Maintenance this summer.

He will be a Senior at Northwest Christian High School this fall.

"I look forward to working for my community while gaining work experience," he said.

Jocelyn Campbell



Jocelyn Campbell, the daughter of Marvin and Erin Campbell (Cooper family), is working a paralegal internship this summer.

She will be a Sophomore at Liberty University this fall.

"I look forward to serving my people," she said.

Jaelah Coley



Jaelah Coley, the daughter of Niki and Steven Ho and Isaiah Coley and Aleta Poste, is working as a Garden Tech at the Community Garden this summer.

She will be a Sophomore at Capital High School this fall.

Malachi Johns



Malachi Johns, the son of Lisa Johns (Johns and Henry families) is working for the Information Services Department this summer.

He will be a Senior at Cedar High School this fall.

"It will be great learning with you," he said.

Sarah Koshiway



Sarah Koshiway, the daughter of Robert Koshiway and Sally Scout (guardians are Bobbie and Casey Brown), is working for R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp this summer.

She will be a Sophomore at Shelton High School this fall.

Cora Krise



Cora Krise, the daughter of Ginny Mae Beruman and Rodney Krise and granddaughter of Virginia and Cowboy Berumen, is working for R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp this summer.

"I am most excited about working with the Summer Rec program because I like to work with kids and just get out of the house," she said.





SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT



Tanalee Mendoza



Tanalee Mendoza, the daughter of Davina Braese (Johns family), is working for the R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp this summer.

She will be a sophomore at Shelton High School this fall.

"I am so excited to work and learn from this job," she said.

Alysa Meyer



Alysa Meyer, the daughter of Jeromy Meyer and Stephanie Hodgkinson (Sigo family), is working as a R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp Assistant this summer.

She will be a sophomore at Capital High School this fall.

"I look forward to seeing you guys around," she said.



Anita Peterson



Anita Peterson, the daughter of Moose and Wicket LaClair and Sparrow Peterson, is working as a Stocker at KTP this summer.

"This is my first summer job," she said. "I am excited for this opportunity. I am Skokomish and I live at Squaxin and have a love for both tribes. I am just excited to learn all that I can and meet my new co-workers. See ya around."

Ana Pinon



Ana Pinon, the daughter of Wicket and Moose LaClair and Jeffrey Pinon and granddaughter of Sue Henry and Larry McFarlane (Cooper/Henry families), is working as an intern for Summer Rec.

"I look forward to working with your kids," she said. "I like kids. See you around."

Monique Pinon



Monique Pinon, the daughter of Susan (Wicket) and Patrick LaClair and Jeffrey Pinon (Henry family), is working as a Floater at Little Creek Casino Resort.

She will be a Junior at Shelton High school this fall.

"I look forward to learning at Little Creek Casino and seeing my people," she said.

Grace Pugel



Grace Pugel, the daughter of Juanita and Anton Pugel, is working for Little Creek Casino Resort this summer.

She will be a Junior at Shelton High school this fall.

"I look forward to experiencing my first actual job with you," she said.

Nathaniel Raham

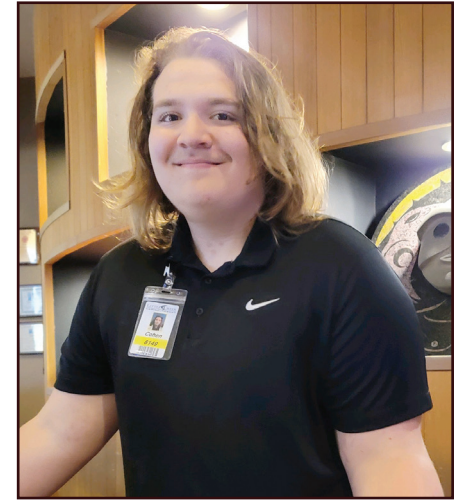


Nathaniel Raham, the son of Janita and Jay Raham, is working as Little Creek Casino Resort this summer.

He graduated from South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) in 2020.

"I am happy to be back around here, and I look forward to working at Little Creek again," he said.

CJ Ramage



Cohen (CJ) Ramage, the son of Rusty and Rickie Ramage, grandson of Loretta Case and great-grandson of Hazel Bagley, is working at Little Creek Casino Resort this summer.

He will be a Senior at Shelton High school this fall.

"I am looking forward to spending a great summer with you guys!" he said.



SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT



Jasmine Rivera



Jasmine Rivera, the daughter of Tony Rivera and granddaughter of Rose Cooper, is working as a R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp Activities Assistant this summer.

"I get to work with kids and meet new people," she said. "I am glad that I get to experience this opportunity at a young age."

Jayde Smith



Jayde Smith, the daughter of Bob and Carol Smith, is working as a museum employee this summer.

She is going to be a Sophomore at Saint Martins University this fall.

"I look forward to seeing everyone," she said.

Selah Thale



Selah Thale, the daughter of Erika and Tyler Thale, is working for the R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp this summer.

She will be a Sophomore at Capital High School this fall.

"I look forward to working with you all this summer," she said.

Holly Whitener



Holly Whitener, the daughter of Fay Parker and Donald Lynn Whitener, is working as a R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp Assistant.

She graduated from Gravity Learning Center this spring.

Zahra Vivero



Zahra Vivero will be working as a R.O.O.T.S. Cooks Assistant.

"I was adopted by the Sigo family (Jaclyn and Janette)," she said. "I was a cook at the drive-in, and I'm excited to help kids have a fun experience with Summer Rec. I am excited for this opportunity. Thank you."



Not Pictured

Kassidy Burrow
Cris Hall
Cavin Johnston
Kaleb Krise

Note:

*The Summer Rec Program
is now called
R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp.*





SUMMER REC EMPLOYEES



Trinity Fosdick



Trinity Fosdick, the daughter of Tiffany Goos and Vince Henry, Jr., is working for the R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp this summer.

She graduated from Shelton High School this spring.

"I look forward to working for the Tribe," she said.

Holly Henry



Holly Henry, the daughter of Beverly Verna Henry and granddaughter of Theresa Nason (Cooper/Henry families), is working as a Cooking Assistant for the R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp this summer.

"I've worked for the Elders for five years, she said. "I look forward to be working with all of the Summer Rec staff."

Sara Naranjo Johns



Sara Naranjo Johns, the daughter of Rachel and Ernesto Naranjo and granddaughter of Elizabeth and Conrad Yeahquo, is working as a R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp Program Assistant this summer.

"I am excited about being with the kids and working back at Parks and Rec," she said. "I am excited to work with my fellow employees and the kids too!"

Mathew Nelson



Mathew Nelson, the son of Juana Nelson, is working for R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp this summer.

"I've done this job for eight years now," he said. "I am excited about seeing new faces and seeing the kids grown up. I look forward to working with you."

Elk Schinsky



Elk Schinsky is working as a R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp Assistant this summer.

She was formerly a Reading and Writing Mentor at Wa He Lut Indian School and is currently attending The Evergreen State College with an emphasis on Native American/Indigenous/Cultural Studies.

"I'm excited to be working with youth and to cultivate a positive and engaging atmosphere," she said. "I will be working with a team of wonderful people! I look forward to learning from you! Thank you."



Sara Zagrean



Sara Zagrean is working as a R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp Assistant.

"I come from a Romanian family," she said. "I grew up with 11 siblings from the same loving parents and am very blessed and grateful! I've worked in the hotel at Little Creek Casino Resort, in care giving, and in this program last summer. I am very excited to be back and excited to work with all the youth! This is a great group of people and I'm happy to be a part of it. Let's make this a great summer!"



STEPPING STONES MENTORS



Jordan Lopeman Johns



Jordan Ray Johns, the son of Ruth Lopeman and Harry Johns, Jr., is working as a Stepping Stones Mentor this summer.

He will be a Senior at Cedar High school this summer.

"See you around; look forward to working with you," he said.

Dominique McFarlane



Dominique McFarlane, the daughter of Larry McFarlane, Jr. and Raven Thomas, is working as a Stepping Stones Mentor this summer.

"I am super excited to work with everyone this summer," she said.



Sophia Pinon



Sophia Pinon, the daughter of Susan (Wicket) and Patrick (Moose) LaClair and granddaughter of Sue Henry and Larry McFarlane and Ernesto and Patty Pinon, is working as a Stepping Stones Mentor this summer.

"I love my culture and enjoy these summer employment opportunities. . . . just working with the youth in general. See you around," she said.

Monica Sims



Monica Sims is working as a Stepping Stones Mentor this summer.

She has a Bachelor of Science in Child and Adolescent Development, has experience working with elementary students and is a mom to a 16-month old baby.

Seth Thomas



Seth Thomas, the son of Larry McFarlane, Jr. and Raven Thomas, is working as a Stepping Stones Mentor this summer.

"Hopefully it isn't troublesome," he joked.



Keesha Vigil



Keesha vigil, the daughter of Alessii Vigil and Heath Snook, is working as a Stepping Stones Mentor this summer.

She is currently finishing up her AA transfer degree at South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC).

"I am super stoked to be working with our youth again this summer!" she said.

Squaxin Island Parks & Rec

Water World

August

Come All Three Days
17th, 18th, 19th
Serving Youth Ages 5-12

◀.....▶

Morning Session for Beginner Swimmers
10:30am-12:30pm

Afternoon Session for Advanced Swimmers
1:30pm-3:30pm

Register and complete
pre-qualifying swim test before August 2nd .

To find out more information and to schedule
a time for the pre-qualifying swim test:
Call the pool (360) 432-3852
or email: pool@squaxin.us



Per Squaxin Island Tribe Animal Control Ordinance 9.04.130

It is an infraction to own or allow livestock and poultry on the Squaxin Island Tribal Reservation. “Poultry” means domestic fowl raised for eggs or meat, and includes chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese. “Livestock” means any horses, ponies, bovine animals, sheep, rams, lambs, goats, kids, mules, jacks, jennies, domesticated hares, and rabbits.



**Protect our beautiful
Squaxin Island and
Waterways
Don't Litter!**

Important Reminder

Community Water Conservation

It's time to practice water conservation. Here are several ways to conserve water, reduce your water bills, and protect the Tribe's resources ...

1. Consider stopping lawn watering during this hot weather. Your lawn will turn brown and become dormant. Once cooler weather arrives, the morning dew and rainfall will bring the lawn back. This saves a lot of water.
2. Clean your car using a pail of soapy water. Use the hose only for quick rinsing. This simple practice can save as much as 150 gallons when washing a car.
3. Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets, and couplings. If you find a leak and need help fixing it, let us know. We would be glad to assist you.
4. Minimize your water use whenever possible.
 - Consider taking shorter showers.
 - Turn water faucets “on and off” as you need water rather than allowing the faucet to run continuously.
 - Use your clothes washer and dishwasher for full loads only.
5. Do not fill pools. Please call the fire department to assist with this.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and be sure to have a fun, safe summer.

- Department of Planning and Community Development, Office of Housing





Olympic College Scholarship Fund and Memorial Bench at Salish Cliffs Dedicated to Mark Snyder

Jeremie Walls - I am proud to announce the unveiling of the Mark Snyder memorial bench at Salish Cliffs' own Hole 14.

We at Skookum Construction and the Squaxin Island Youth Council are also proud to announce the Mark Snyder Memorial Trades Scholarship at Olympic College. It will serve tribal members and descendants 17-30 years of age. Proceeds from the Skookum Shootout will help fund this scholarship. Thank you Squaxin Tribal Council, Greg Lehman (blessing), Salish Cliffs Golf Course, and Little Creek Casino Resort. We, the family, cannot say how proud and thankful we are.

Scholarship applications can be found at skookumconstruction.com and squaxinisoland.org/community/community-bulletin.





PARKS AND REC



SUMMER



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 R.O.O.T.S. 8:30-3:30pm Pool is Closed	3 R.O.O.T.S. 8:30-3:00pm Elder Aerobics: 11-12pm Open Swim: 3:30-6pm	4 R.O.O.T.S. 8:30-3:30pm Open Swim: 4:30-6pm	5 R.O.O.T.S. 8:30-3:30pm Elder Aerobics: 11-12pm Open Swim: 3:30-6pm	6 R.O.O.T.S. 8:30-3:30pm Open Swim: 3:30-6pm	7 Swim Lessons: 10:30-12:30pm Open Swim: 3:30-6pm
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30 Pool is Closed	31 Elder Aerobics: 11-12pm Open Swim: 3:30-6pm				

Open Swim Capacity: 15 people or Three Families
• For Squaxin Island Tribal Members

R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp 2021

Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 3:30pm

Breakfast: 9:00 – 9:30 am

Lunch: 12:00 – 12:30 pm

Fitness Center Hours: Monday: 7:30-4:00; Tuesday - Friday: 7:30-6:30pm; Saturday: 10:00-6:30pm

Rec Room: 360-432-3986 Pool: 360-432-3852 Jerilynn: 360-432-3992 Kasia: 360-432-3801

All activities are drug, alcohol and tobacco free.



PARKS AND REC



Photos by Kenna Acosta



Bears



Frogs



Salmon



Orcas



SQUAXIN ISLAND PARKS & REC
Summer Movie Night
In The Field

Bring a blanket and your favorite treats!

AUGUST 27 | TIME: STARTS @ DUSK
MOVIE: TBA -
PLEASE VOTE ON OUR
SQUAXIN ISLAND PARKS & RECREATION
FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR THE OF THE MOVIE!
Dusk is around 8:30pm

Families are welcome to arrive
30 minutes prior to movie starting.

Call Brittney Johnston @ 360-432-3873
to reserve your spot by August 13th



Squaxin Island Parks & Rec



Backpack Giveaway!

Thursday, August 26th

12:00 - 6:00 pm

in front of the Gym

Parents/Guardian must be present.

For youth who needs a backpack and are entering grades K-12, we will be following similar eligibility guidelines as the Squaxin Day Camp:

- *Youth who are Squaxin Island Tribal Member**
- *Youth who are a Descendants of a Squaxin Island Tribal Member**
- *Youth whose Parent/Legal Guardian is a Tribal Member (e.g. Step-Child or Foster Child)**

Contact Janita for any questions - 360-432-3869



Fun at the Pool



Day on the Island with Stepping Stones and the Squaxin Teen Program

Jaimie Cruz - The Squaxin Teen Program, in collaboration with Stepping Stones, organized a Day on the Island with Clam Fresh, Salish Seafoods, Community Garden, and Candace Penn. We want to raise our hands to Kamilche Trading Post and IEI for the lunch and all the help getting us to the island safely. Many of the youth were able to participate in the clam digging demonstration, learn about plants on the island, and get more information about affects climate change. The youth spent the morning chatting with Dave, Rod, and Kristen about the different opportunities IEI has to offer. It was great to see other departments interacting with the youth and sharing information. Stepping Stones and the Squaxin Teen Program look forward to similar activities like this.





IRS: Families receiving monthly Child Tax Credit payments can now update their direct deposit information

IR-2021-143, June 30, 2021, WASHINGTON - The Internal Revenue Service upgraded a key online tool to enable families to quickly and easily update their bank account information so they can receive their monthly Child Tax Credit payment.

The bank account update feature was added to the Child Tax Credit Update Portal, available only on IRS.gov. Any updates made by August 2 will apply to the August 13 payment and all subsequent monthly payments for the rest of 2021.

Families received their July 15 payment by direct deposit in the bank account currently on file with the IRS. Those who were not enrolled for direct deposit received a check. The IRS encourages people without current bank account information to use the tool to update their information so they can get the payments sooner.

The IRS also urges people to be on the lookout for scams related to the Child Tax Credit. People who need to update their bank account information should go directly to the IRS.gov site and not click on links received by email, text or phone.

How to update direct deposit information

First, families should use the Child Tax Credit Update Portal to confirm their eligibility for the payments. If eligible, the tool will also indicate whether they are enrolled to receive their payments by direct deposit.

If so, it will list the full bank routing number and the last four digits of their account number. This is the account that will receive all future payments.

Next, if they choose, they can change the bank account receiving the payment starting with the August 13 payment. They can do that by updating the routing number and account number and indicating whether it is a savings or checking account. Note that only one account number is permitted for each recipient—that is, the entire payment must be direct deposited in only one account.

How to switch from paper check to direct deposit

If the Update Portal shows that a family is eligible to receive payments but not enrolled to receive direct deposits, they will receive a check each month. If they want to switch to receiving their payments by direct deposit, they can use the tool to add their bank account information. They do that by entering their bank routing number and account number and indicating whether it is a savings or checking account.

The IRS urges any family receiving checks to consider switching to direct deposit. With direct deposit, families can access their money more quickly. Direct deposit removes the time, worry and expense of cashing a check. In addition, direct deposit eliminates the chance of a lost, stolen or undelivered check.

Families can stop payments anytime

Even after payments begin, families can stop all future monthly payments if they choose. They do that by using the unenroll feature in the Child Tax Credit Update Portal. Eligible families who make this choice will still receive the rest of their Child Tax Credit as a lump sum when they file their 2021 federal income tax return next year.

To stop all payments starting in August and the rest of 2021, they must unenroll by August 2, 2021.

For more information about the unenrollment process, including a schedule of deadlines for each monthly payment, see Topic J of the Child Tax Credit FAQs on IRS.gov.

Who should unenroll?

Instead of receiving these advance payments, some families may prefer to wait until the end of the year and receive the entire credit as a refund when they file their 2021 return. The Child Tax Credit Update Portal enables these families to quickly and easily do that.

The unenroll feature can also be helpful to any family that no longer qualifies for the Child Tax Credit or believes they will not qualify when they file their 2021 return. This could happen if, for example:

- Their income in 2021 is too high to qualify them for the credit.
- Someone else (an ex-spouse or another family member, for example) qualifies to claim their child or children as dependents in 2021.
- Their main home was outside of the United States for more than half of 2021.

What is the Child Tax Credit Update Portal?

The Child Tax Credit Update Portal is a secure, password-protected tool, available to any eligible family with internet access and a smart phone or computer. It is designed to enable them to manage their Child Tax Credit accounts. Right now, this includes updating their bank account information with the IRS or unenrolling from monthly payments. Soon, it will allow people to check on the status of their payments. Later this year, the tool will also enable them to make other status updates and be available in Spanish.

To access the Child Tax Credit Update Portal, a person must first verify their identity. If a person has an existing IRS username or an ID.me account with a verified identity, they can use those accounts to easily sign in. People without an existing account will be asked to verify their identity with a form of photo identification using ID.me, a trusted third party for the IRS. Identity verification is an important safeguard and will protect the user's account from identity theft. Anyone who lacks internet access or otherwise cannot use the online tool may unenroll by contacting the IRS at the phone number included in the outreach letter they received from the IRS.

Who is getting a monthly payment?

In general, monthly payments will go to eligible families who:

- Filed either a 2019 or 2020 federal income tax return.
- Used the Non-Filers tool on IRS.gov in 2020 to register for an Economic Impact Payment.
- Registered for the advance Child Tax Credit this year using the new Non-Filer Sign-up Tool on IRS.gov.

An eligible family who took any of these steps does not need to do anything else to get their payments.

Normally, the IRS will calculate the advance payment based on the 2020 income tax return. If that return is not available, either because it has not yet been filed or it has not yet been processed, the IRS is instead determining the payment using the 2019 tax return.

Eligible families will receive advance payments, either by direct deposit or check. Each payment will be up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6



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and up to \$250 per month for each child ages 6 through 17. The IRS will issue advance Child Tax Credit payments on these dates: July 15, August 13, September 15, October 15, November 15 and December 15.

Taxpayers will receive several letters

Taxpayers will also receive several letters related to the Child Tax Credit. In the next few weeks, letters are going to eligible families who filed either a 2019 or 2020 federal income tax return or who used the Non-Filers tool on IRS.gov to register for an Economic Impact Payment. The letters will confirm their eligibility, the amount of payments they'll receive and that the payments began July 15. Families who receive these letters do not need to take any further action. The personalized letters follow up on the Advance Child Tax Credit Outreach Letter, sent in early- and mid-June, to every family who appeared to qualify for the advance payments.

Child Tax Credit 2021

The IRS has created a special Advance Child Tax Credit 2021 page, designed to provide the most up-to-date information about the credit and the advance payments.

Among other things, it provides direct links to the Child Tax Credit Update Portal, as well as two other online tools –the Non-filer Sign-up Tool and the Child Tax Credit Eligibility Assistant, a set of frequently asked questions and other useful resources.

Child Tax Credit changes

The American Rescue Plan raised the maximum Child Tax Credit in 2021 to \$3,600 for children under the age of 6 and to \$3,000 per child for children ages 6 through 17. Before 2021, the credit was worth up to \$2,000 per eligible child. The new maximum credit is available to taxpayers with a modified adjusted gross income (AGI) of:

- \$75,000 or less for singles,
- \$112,500 or less for heads of household and
- \$150,000 or less for married couples filing a joint return and qualified widows and widowers.

For most people, modified AGI is the amount shown on Line 11 of their 2020 Form 1040 or 1040-SR. Above these income thresholds, the extra amount above the original \$2,000 credit — either \$1,000 or \$1,600 per child — is reduced by \$50 for every \$1,000 in modified AGI. In addition, the credit is fully refundable for 2021. This means that eligible families can get it, even if they owe no federal income tax. Before this year, the refundable portion was limited to \$1,400 per child.

For the most up-to-date information on the Child Tax Credit and advance payments, visit: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021>.

Ants in the Home & Landscape

Ants can be a bothersome pest, especially when they get into our homes and infest our kitchens or cause structural damage in wood. But not all ants in every scenario are bad. In fact, in our landscapes, ants can sometimes be considered beneficial predators, soil aerators, decomposers and an important food source of other beneficial insects and spiders. So before you reach for that can of insecticide, think to yourself, “Is this ant really a pest?” If it's outdoors, then probably not.



Pavement ants; odorous house ants; citronella ant swarm on a front porch; and carpenter ant

Here are some common ant-scenarios and what you can do to prevent them:

Carpenter Ants in the Home

Carpenter ants do not eat wood. They do, however, create nests in dead, water-damaged wood. If you see carpenter ants in your home, it could be indicative of a larger problem. In the case of carpenter ants, contacting a pest management professional is recommended to potentially locate and treat colonies. Eliminating moisture problems in the home may also prevent future infestations.

Swarming Citronella Ants in the Home

The majority of reports of citronella or yellow ants we receive are because winged ants are swarming and emerging from underneath porches or concrete slabs. While some ants may make their way indoors, the swarming is harmless and shouldn't be sprayed. If they become too much of a nuisance, they can be vacuumed and disposed of without the use of insecticides.

Odorous House Ants in the Kitchen

Odorous house ants are frequent structure-invading ants. If you find yourself battling these ants indoors, you can use ant bait stations laced with a toxicant in areas where ants are seen frequently. The ants will need to feed from the bait and take the toxicant back to its colony. If you can locate the main colony, likely outdoors, it can be sprayed directly with an appropriate insecticide.

Pavement Ant Nests in the Sidewalk

As their name suggests, pavement ants nest under sidewalks, driveways and building foundations. If you see ant mounds in the cracks of your sidewalk, just leave them be. Pavement ants will sometimes nest inside during the winter, but can be managed by using commercial baits.

Need an ant identified? Contact your local Extension Office or visit: <https://go.unl.edu/ants> for more information.

By Kait Chapman, Extension Educator in Lancaster County







Women's Brain Health

6 Steps to a Healthier Brain
Brought to you by the Women in Leadership Committee

1. Get Moving

Regular activity is key

- Research finds women tend to exercise less often than men
- Type of activity may not matter in the long run
Try a variety: strength training, flexibility, balance, & aerobic
- Aerobic exercise has immediate benefits but regular activity may reduce risk of dementia by 30 - 45%

2. Eat Smart

Follow a MIND Diet

- Alzheimer's Association, Mayo Clinic, & others recommend:
- DASH Diet
Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension
- Mediterranean Diet

3. Get Rest

Aim for at least 6 hours per night

- Women report more sleep-related problems
- Treat sleep apnea and other sleep disorders
- Rest or naps are associated with better learning/memory

4. Keep Sharp

Be a lifelong learner and have fun

- Work outside of home activities may reduce cognitive decline
- Social engagement and recreation counts!
- Build a brain reserve
Learn something new, try a new hobby or game, be creative

5. Socially Connect

Engage with family and friends

- A big social network outside the home may reduce risk
- Social isolation increases risk for cognitive impairment
- Many women are also caregivers who may benefit from support from others

6. Manage Risks

Health = Health

- Management of medical conditions reduces risk
- Call for action for research on more sex-targeted interventions
- Mental health matters too!
Stress and depression may impact immune system & increase dementia risk

Why does it matter?

- Women make up 2 out of 3 Alzheimer's cases
 - Due to longevity, women outnumber men 2:1
- Women have higher rates of other conditions, such as heart disease, increasing risk for cognitive impairment
- Menopause increases risk of Alzheimer's

Visit these sites for more information:

- The National Academy of Neuropsychology
- The Women's Alzheimer's Movement
 - View their call for action
- Women's Alzheimer's Movement Prevention Center at Cleveland Clinic & HealthyBrains.org
- Alzheimer's Association
 - View their page on Women & Alzheimer's
- Mayo Clinic's HABIT Healthy Action to Benefit Independence & Thinking@
- Cornell's Women's Brain Initiative
 - View their recent study on management of risk factors for AD
- National Institute on Aging: Brain Health

ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM



TIME IN NATURE CAN IMPROVE THESE SYMPTOMS.

Health Clinic Vaccination Statistics

Number of first doses provided: 1,060
Number of second doses provided: 1,031

Tests and Positives Statistics

Nasopharyngeal swabs (N/P (sent to lab): 237
Serum blood draws: 4
Rapid tests: 231
Positive results: 33 (one in July)



Parents:

Please schedule your child's sports physicals, well child checks, and immunizations before school starts.

Call the clinic at (360) 427-9006 for an appointment.

Breastfeed...
anytime, anywhere.



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NOURISH YOUR BABY FOR LIFE
itcaonline.com/WIC



COMMUNITY



Elders Menu . . . Fruit and salad at every meal

MONDAY 2:

Tuna Salad Sandwich, Chips

MONDAY 9:

Chicken Pot Pie, Veggies

MONDAY 16:

Orange Chicken, Rice & Veggies

MONDAY 23:

Lasagna Bake

MONDAY 30:

Chicken Rice Bake

TUESDAY 3:

Navy Bean Soup, Biscuits

TUESDAY 10:

Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese

TUESDAY 17:

Minestrone Soup, Corn Bread

TUESDAY 24:

Chicken with Rice, Biscuits

TUESDAY 31:

Seafood Soup, Breadsticks

WEDNESDAY 4:

Sausage Pasta Bake, Green Beans

WEDNESDAY 11:

Chalupa

WEDNESDAY 18:

Pork Lo Mein, Veggies

WEDNESDAY 25:

Salmon, Red Potatoes, Veggies

THURSDAY 5:

Chicken Strips, Tator Tots

THURSDAY 12:

Steak, Veggie Rice


THURSDAY 19:

Meatball Subs, Chips

THURSDAY 26:

Breaded Veal,
Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn

In an effort to provide additional safety precautions, the Elders staff will only be delivering meals to "Homebound" Elders at this current time. Elders who have met the requirements of "Homebound" will still call in to the Elders staff to request meals. Thank you for understanding.



EMERGENCY

CALL **9-1-1** FIRE
POLICE
MEDICAL
RESCUE

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

Non-Life Threatening Emergencies

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Hotline (Information only - no voicemail) (360) 432-3947	Squaxin Police Department Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00-4:00 (360) 432-3831
Community EOC Hotline (Questions and voice mail message) (360) 443-8411	PUD No. 3 Outage Hotline (360) 426-8255
Emergency Management Coordinator (360) 443-8410	Mason County Police Dispatch Non-Emergency (360) 426-4441
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) (360) 426-5308	Mason County Fire Non-Emergency (360) 426-3348



Tribal Court is now held in person – no longer via Zoom

Safety protocols will be in place – temperatures will be taken upon entry to the courtroom and masks will be required.





COMMUNITY



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Aidan Alan Sizemore
Greg Anthony Lewis Glover
Jessica Eliza Spiering
Rene De Anne Salgado

23
Andre James Woody-Johns
Cadence Joseph Henry
Ernesto Naranjo Johns Jr.
Jeremiah Billy Obi-Rivera
Julio F. Castillo

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Bryce Mitchell Penn
Victoria L. Sanders

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Mitchell John Carrington
Nicole Mae Bluebird

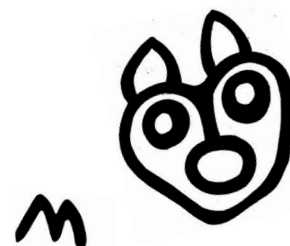
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Eden Lee Van Cleave

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Kaytlyn Joi Henderson
Meghan Elizabeth Burgain

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Eathon Raymond Caasi
Jasper Silver-Hawk Cooper
Nancy Carol Combes
Rhonda Madge Foster
Terasa Malinda Kenyon

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Angelo W. Rivera
Joseph D. Furtado
Lindsey Nicole Harrell

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Catherine Mary Tuller
Debra Lee Sayers
Euphamie Lillian Whitener
James Ronnie Trinidad
Loreta Marie Swan Krise
Taylor Jeffrey Porad



1
Barbara Gail Kennedy
Jeremie John Walls

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Anne Elizabeth Burgain
Darlene Wood
Louise Isabelle Kathy Burgain
Randolph Bert Foster

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Kelly Josephine Jones
Lawton Jebadiah Case
Leighton James Case
Norman Riley Price
Tyrone S. Seymour

5
Christopher Eugene Brown

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Jill Danielle Kenyon

7
David Charles Johns
Robert David Koshiway Jr.

8
Ashley Mariah Renee Smith
Lettie Machado-Olivo
Lisa Fawne Frodert
Margaret Hazel Johns
River Marie Korndorfer
Robert Edward Sigo
Roy Journey Bear Perez

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Araceli Hernandez-Capoeman
Chasity Faye Masoner
David Wayne Peters Jr.
Juliet Lindsay Galos
Memphis Shawn Penn-Dodge
Nikieta S. Ho

10
Kalysi Renee Whitener

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Marilyn Helene Mcfadden

12
Aaron James Edgley
Zaiden Elijah Jimmie

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Brandon Eugene Campbell
Lola Noelle Bonin

14
Elena Lin James
Rory Jane Allen

15
Llewellyn Frank Parker
Naraiah Lhee Gray
Zachary W. Sanchez

16
Kevin Henry Spezza
Matthew James Cooper
Rachel M. Naranjo

17
Magdelano Roy Perez
Virginia A. Farron

18
Hannah Lucille Forcier

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Naomi Reyes

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Dionna A.P. King
Rock James Johns

FREE Wills for Squaxin Tribal Members and Their Spouses

The Tribe is offering the services of Mark Allen, an attorney who has worked for the Squaxin Community for 10 plus years. Mark Allen is ready to assist Squaxin Tribal members and their spouses plan for themselves and loved ones by drafting wills and other end-of-life documents.

- Wills
- Powers of Attorney
- Advance Directives
- Health Care Directives
- Estate Planning

If you are interested in these services, please contact **Lindsey Harrell**, Legal assistant at the Squaxin Island Legal Department, at (360) 432-1771 ext. 6 or Lharrell@squaxin.us.

There is currently a waitlist for consultations, but we will be scheduling appointments each month. Call/email now to get on the list.



To contact a
Squaxin Island
Police Officer Call:
360-426-4441

If it is an
EMERGENCY
CALL 911



What's Happening

Backpack Give-Away:

August 26 from noon - 6:00 at the gym

Movie Night in the Field:

August 27 beginning at dusk

Outdoor Yoga:

Tuesdays from noon - 1:00
Firepit along the Family Services trail

Court:

FAMILY COURT:

August 5 (in-person)

CRIMINAL/CIVIL COURT:

August 10 (in-person)

USDA FOODS WIC

August 10

August 10

SALISH ROOTS FARM PRODUCTION UPDATE

(Formerly Community Garden)

We are experiencing a significant loss in production this year.

Major impacts due to the pandemic, staff shortage, and the collapse of our greenhouse have all contributed to the decrease of our production.

We appreciate your patience as we do our best to meet our communities' needs.

All volunteers are welcome Wednesdays and Thursdays OR schedule another time with us at tribalgarden@squaxin.us

Follow us on our Facebook page "Salish Roots Farm" for additional updates.

COMMITTEES COMMISSIONS & BOARDS

Committee

Aquatics Committee
Elders Committee/Inc.
Elections Committee
Enrollment Committee
Fireworks Committee (TC 6.04.040)
Fish Committee
Gathering Committee
Golf Advisory Committee
Hunting Committee
Shellfish Committee
Veterans' Committee

Council Rep.

David Whitener, Jr.
Charlene Krise
None per code
Charlene Krise
None per code
Vacant
Charlene Krise
Kris Peters
Vince Henry
Vince Henry
None

Staff Rep.

Jeff Dickison
Traci Coffey
Tammy Ford
Tammy Ford
TBD
Joseph Peters
Rhonda Foster
Nathan Schreiner
Joseph Peters
Eric Sparkman

Meetings

2nd Wednesday of February and August
1st Wednesday or Thursday
March, April, May
2nd Tuesday
May and June
2nd Wednesday of March and July
TBD
2nd Wednesday or Thursday
2nd Tuesday of January and July
1st Wednesday of April and October
TBD

Commission

1% Committee (Bylaws & Appendix X2)
Budget Commission
Education Commission
Gaming Commission (TC 6.08.090)
Housing Commission
Utilities Commission

Council Rep.

C.Krise, V. Henry, V. Kruger
Marvin Campbell
Jeremie Walls
None per code
Charlene Krise
Vacant

Staff Rep.

Marvin Campbell
Erika Thale
Vacant
Dallas Burnett
Liz Kuntz
Vacant

Meetings

Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
June and August
2nd Friday
1st Thursday
1st Friday
1st Thursday

Board

Business Administration Board
Island Enterprises Board
Museum Library and Research Center Board
Skookum Creek Tobacco Board
SPIPA Board of Directors

Council Rep.

None per code
None per code
Vacant
Vinny Henry
Vicki Kruger

Staff Rep.

Nathan Schreiner

Charlene Krise
Mike Araiza
Marvin Campbell

Meetings

As needed

Sept., Dec., March, June
4th Tuesday
2nd Friday





South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency



USDA Foods Program August Dates

PT. GAMBLE S'KLALLAM 8/4/21

SQUAXIN ISLAND 8/10/21

SKOKOMISH 8/13/21

NISQUALLY 8/17/21

CHEHALIS 8/19/21

NOTE: Please stick to the monthly schedule for the USDA Commodity Food Program. Food distribution staff have other duties that they are responsible for on the days they are not issuing commodities.

If you're unable to make the date, please call and schedule an appointment with appropriate staff.

For USDA Food, call SPIPA at 360.426.3990

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Squaxin Island WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)

provides healthy foods & nutrition information for you and your child up to age 5.

Please have available:

Your child's height & weight,
Provider One Card or paystub
and identification for you & your child

Contact at SPIPA for an appointment:

Patty at 360.462.3224,
wicnutrition@spipa.org

or

Debbie Gardipee-Reyes 360.462.3227
gardipee@spipa.org

Main SPIPA number: 360.426.3990



**Next WIC:
Tues., August 10 2021**

**We are continuing
remote phone appointments
at least through August 2021
due to the COVID-19 virus
We will call you on your appt day**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Washington State WIC Nutrition Program doesn't discriminate.



Free Quality Preschool for Your Child

ECEAP helps all children enter kindergarten ready to succeed

Who is eligible?

Children 3 years old or 4 years old by August 31st who are:

- ▶ From a family with a low annual income; or
- ▶ Qualify for school district special education services; or
- ▶ Have developmental or environmental risk factors that could affect school success.



Questions?

Squaxin Island Child Development Center
Sabrina Green or Savannah Fenton
(360)426-1390

ECEAP Provides:

- ☒ Preschool
- ☒ Nutritious meals & snacks
- ☒ Health screenings
- ☒ Family support

We are committed to high-quality preschool.
Ask us about:



Early Head Start

Now Recruiting Pregnant Women and Children Birth to Three



Early Head Start Provides:

- ☒ Parent Training
- ☒ Health Screenings
- ☒ Family Support



We are committed to a high-quality Program.
Ask us about:



Early Head Start programs provide family centered services for low income families with very young children.

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